

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET Newington, Connecticut 06111

MAYOR MICHAEL LENARES

March 8, 2011

Minutes - Newington Town Council

Mayor Lenares called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Helen Nelson Room - Town Hall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Ш

Councilors Present:

Councilor Banach

Councilor Bottalico

Councilor Casasanta

Councilor Cohen

Councilor Klett

Councilor McBride

Councilor Nagel

Council Nasinnyk

Mayor Lenares

Staff Present

John Salomone, Town Manager

Ann Harter - Finance Director

Lisa Rydecki - Asst Finance Director

Ken Friedenberg – Director of Human Services Lisa Masten – Acting Library Director

Dianne Stone - Director Senior & Disabled Center

Tony Ferraro - Town Engineer

Lou Jachimowicz - Business Manager, Newington Schools

Tom Molloy - Highway Superintendent

Rob Hillman – Asst. Highway Superintendent

Hermas Lavoie - Highway Foreman

Jaime Trevethan, Exec. Asst. to the Town Manager

Mary Richard, Council Clerk

III AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

Girl Scout Week - 2011

WHEREAS, March 12, marks the 99th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of courage, confidence, and character; and

WHEREAS, through the Girl Scout leadership experience girls develop the skills and lessons that will serve them a lifetime so that they may contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing girls' awareness of the opportunities available to them today in math, science, sports, technology and other fields that can expand their horizons: and

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WHEREAS, more than 3 million current Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 99years of this American tradition, with nearly 50 million women who are former Girl Scouts and living proof of the impact of this amazing Movement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby applauds the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the leadership development of America's girls and proudly proclaim the week of March 6, 2011, as Girl Scout Week.

MOTION BY: Mayor Lenares

SECONDED BY: Councilor Nasinnyk

VOTE: 9 - 0

Mayor Lenares congratulated the girls and said that every year he has come to the marking of badges and said it's a great thing they do for the Town of Newington. He said he looks forward to the projects the Girl Scouts offer and thanked them for what they do. Councilor Banach congratulated the girls and said that the leaders are also a major part and are especially important and thanks them for that.

Councilor Nasinnyk noted all those badges and she said she knows how much work is involved and said that their contribution to the community is also valued. She said she hopes that it will help them develop into valuable members of the community and hopes that they also had a lot of fun. Councilor Casasanta agrees with Councilor Nasinnyk and congratulated the girls on their accomplishments.

Judy Igielski (member of public) 23 Old Musket Drive, said that it is a pleasure to see these girls and this organization and see what they do for these young women. She said she is very proud of them, and noted that the new term for badges is now "patches".

B. Volunteer of the Year 2010 - Robert Seiler

WHEREAS, each year the Town Council recognizes someone who has voluntarily dedicated time and/or resources for the benefit of others and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, this year Mr. Robert Seiler is being recognized for his active involvement with the Newington Food Bank, Newington Kiwanis Club and Newington Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, after a long career with the Newington Police Department, Mr. Seiler continues to serve the community through his volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seiler helps to stock, organize and manage the Newington Food Bank on a weekly basis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seiler plays a crucial role in the Food Bank's annual Thanksgiving food distribution; and WHEREAS, through the Kiwanis Club, Mr. Seiler organizes the Newington Flea Market to raise money for local scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seiler serves as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners and President of the Newington Veteran Firefighters Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby designates Robert Seiler as its 2010 Volunteer of the Year in recognition of his volunteer activities for the welfare of the community as a whole and for serving as a positive role model and an example of all that can be accomplished through the efforts of volunteers.

MOTION BY: Mayor Lenares

SECONDED BY: Councilor Nasinnyk

VOTE: 9 - 0

Mayor Lenares thanked Mr. Seiler for all that he has done and all the many events he has contributed to. Mr. Seiler said that his volunteerism started back in 1967, and in 1972 he left the Volunteer Fire Department to become a Police Officer. He commended the work the Volunteer Fire Department does and there are a lot of people who keep this Town going and its all volunteers. He said that being a Police officer involved interacting with the people, some were happy and some were unhappy and after a number of years of it the unhappy part of it starts to wear heavy. He said that in working with the Food Bank with needy people everyone is happy. He said that on the website Mr. Salomone had referred to him as "Turkey Bob". He showed a hat that was made especially for him by a friend named Maria illustrating a turkey. This makes it all worth it.

Councilor Bottalico congratulated Mr. Seiler and wished him well. Councilor Cohen commended the work of Mr. Seiler with the Kiwanis and Flea Market and all the other projects he was involved with and how much work is

involved. She thanked him very much. Councilor Nasinnyk said that with her relatively short career as a Councilor she knew he was a Police Officer, not a volunteer position, and noted that every event she attended she saw Mr. Seiler as a volunteer, at every event, and recognized that some times it's very trying and she appreciated all the time and work on all these projects. She thanked him for all he has done. Councilor Banach said that he believes that volunteering is a special endeavor; especially with the Fire Department where a volunteer places himself in a possible dangerous situation and he thanked Mr. Seiler for all he has done for Newington with his dedication.

Councilor Nagel said that he too sees Mr. Seiler at every event happening in Town and hopes everyone takes Mr. Seiler as an example of what volunteerism is really all about. Councilor McBride said he appreciated the "turkey hat" and said that over the decades of Mr. Seiler's example of volunteerism he hoped that everyone realizes the importance and dedication shown by Mr. Seiler. Councilor Casasanta said that it's been an honor to have Mr. Seiler in this community and she thanked him for his services.

A member of the public (name unknown) said that Mr. Seiler has held every office of the Kiwanis Club as an indication of his volunteerism, and on one instance when Mr. Seiler was on vacation in New Hampshire and knowing that the Flea Market would be short handed he drove back from New Hampshire to lend a hand. He said that this is a great example of Mr. Seiler's dedication.

Mr. Joe Velaski, Former Fire Chief said that he has worked with Mr. Seiler for many years and Mr. Seiler was always the first to volunteer for any assignment. He said he was disappointed when Mr. Seiler left the Fire Department to join the Police Department.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive – said she thanked Mr. Seiler for always being a good friend and always doing such a great job for this Town.

Ken Friedenberg, Director of Human Services said that he can relate to what everyone is saying and remembered that Mr. Seiler, during training with police officers, and Mr. Seiler asked a lot of questions, trying to determine if he could get the correct answers. Mr. Friedenberg said that Mr. Seiler was always known as the "go to" guy whenever anyone needed help. He said that the connections he, Mr. Seiler, makes with people is truly amazing and shows a respect and on behalf of the staff thanked everyone for naming Mr. Seiler as Volunteer of the Year.

C. Patriot Flag World Memorial

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Newington are grateful for the public safety personnel that protect us and are willing to risk their lives daily for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington, in consortium with local public safety agencies and the citizens of this great state, recognize the brave and heroic acts of firefighters, police officers, paramedics and E.M.T.'s who made the ultimate sacrifice to save an estimated 25,000 people during the attacks on America and the world on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Patriot Flag World Memorial has been successful in "keeping the memories alive" and helping people to never forget the loss we as a nation and the world suffered in New York City, Washington D.C. and in Shanksville, PA on September 11, 2001; and;

WHEREAS, the Patriot Flag has traveled across this great country to execute their task and complete their mission and has honored the citizens of the Town of Newington by displaying the Patriot Flag in Town on March 11, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby designates March 11, 2011 as Patriot Flag World Memorial Day for dedication and resolve to honor the victims of September 11, 2001 and to honor the first responders of the Town of Newington for their service to our citizens.

MOTION BY: Mayor Lenares

SECONDED BY: Councilor Bottalico

VOTE: 9 - 0

Mr. Frank Papa, Deputy Fire Chief said it is a great honor to be here and is proud to have the privilege of displaying the flag on March 11, 2011 at Fire Headquarter from 11 AM to 2 PM weather permitting. He said that the Flag will be visiting all 50 states and when it leaves us it will be in Milford and New Haven then off to Maryland. He said the goal of this organization is to have this flag at all three locations of attacks on 9/11. He said that then the flag will be retired. Councilor Nasinnyk noted that the flag will be displayed at the Fire Headquarters on Main

Street. She said it is a very valuable piece of our history and important, and similar to "lest we forget". Councilor Klett said that some of our Town's people lost family members and it should be a comfort to them of this remembrance.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mayor Lenares announced the phone number 860-665-8736 - NONE

V. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

- A. Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)
 - 1. Amend Code of Ordinances chapter 48: "Funds"

Mr. Salomon said that there are two items on the agenda, one for OPEB and one to Amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 48 Funds.

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby adopts amendments to the Newington Code of Ordinances Chapter 48 entitled "Funds", a copy of said amendments is attached to the resolution.

MOTION BY: Councilor Casasanta SECONDED BY: Councilor Nasinnyk

VOTE: 9 − 0

Town of Newington
Proposed Ordinance Amendment
Chapter 48: Funds

An Ordinance Establishing an Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust

Creation of fund.

In accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 7-450(b), there is hereby created for the Town an Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund (the "trust"). Said trust shall serve as a means to hold and invest all contributions and assets of the Town's certain post-employment benefits, other than pension benefits. The trust shall be for the purpose of meeting the long term obligations of the Town regarding benefits provided to certain Town and Board of Education employees, retirees, their spouses and dependents in accordance with provisions for such benefits contained in any agreement between the employees and the Town.

Revenues.

There shall be paid into said trust such transfers and appropriations as the Town Council authorizes plus any return of investments of such funds and any premium cost sharing paid by retirees.

Expenses.

Expenses of such trust shall include those expenses necessary for the maintenance and administration of the fund, including but not limited to actuarial and consulting fees. Expenses shall not include compensation for any town employee or other general office-related expenses unless approved by the Town Council.

Administration.

The trust shall be administered and operated in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements 43 and 45, as the same may be amended from time to time and pursuant to the terms as set forth in the Other Post-Employment Benefits Declaration of Trust, including revisions thereto, as are hereafter approved by the Town Council. The members of the Employee Insurance and Pension Benefits Committee shall provide oversight for the trust as described in Section 8-32 through 8-37 inclusive in the Newington Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington provides certain other post-employment benefits to its eligible retirees and their dependents ("OPEB Benefits"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington deems it to be in the best interests of the Town, and it's retirees and their dependents, to provide funding for OPEB Benefits by adopting a trust fund, in

accordance with the provisions of Section 48 of the Town of Newington Code of Ordinances and Section 7-450(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, to provide for the payment of OPEB Benefits in a manner consistent with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 43 and No. 45; and

- WHEREAS, the Town of Newington desires that Comerica Bank & Trust, National Association, acts as trustee with respect to the Trust and the Trustee has indicated its willingness to do so,all pursuant to the terms of this Trust Agreement.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this trust agreement is made effective this 8th day of March, 2011, by and between the Town of Newington of the State of Connecticut, and Comerica Bank & Trust, National Association; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby appoints UBS Financial Services as Investment Advisor and Comerica Bank & Trust National Association as Trustee and Custodian for the Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust and to perform those duties and services as related to the Plan as outlined in their proposal dated August 19, 2008; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Newington Town Council authorizes the Town Manager and the Director of Finance to execute the Trust agreement between the Town of Newington and Comerica Bank & Trust National Association for the purpose of providing trustee related services and to enter into the attached Incumbency Certificate and Signatory Authorization.

MOTION BY: Councilor Casasanta SECONDED BY: Councilor Nasinnyk

VOTE: 9 - 0

VI. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Final Plans and Specifications: Town Hall/Transition Academy Project

Mr. Lou Jachimowicz, Business Manager, Newington Schools said that the reason for this item on the agenda tonight is so that the project can proceed to bid. He said the time line is very tight and we have the fortune of taking advantage of a \$278,000 grant which expires on June 30th. He said that this also opens the door to future revitalization at the Town Hall. Councilor Bottalico asked Mr. Jachimowicz to explain the \$278,000 grant going to renovating the existing Building Department - is there another \$150,000 and Mr. Jachimowicz said yes that there are four elements of the project, three on the Board of Ed side and one on the Town side. Mr. Salomone said that there is a breakdown in the packet that shows all the elements of the project. Councilor Nasinnyk said from Mr. Jachimowicz's explanation it sounds like to wait any longer would potentially hinder the time line for this. Mr. Jachimowicz said yes and it was suggested that the project get started by April 12th.

Motion to waive the rules by Councilor Klett. Motion seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion to waive the rules passed 9-0.

Mayor Lenares asked for any comments from the Public on waiving the rules - NONE

RESOLVED:

Pursuant to Chapter 8, Article X, Section 8-45 (H), Project Building Committees, of the Newington Code of Ordinances, the Newington Town Council hereby approves the final plans and cost estimates for the Town Hall Renovation (Transition Academy) project as reviewed by the Town Council and as approved by the Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee, and the Board of Education and authorizes the project to proceed to bid.

MOTION BY: Councilor Cohen SECONDED BY: Councilor Nasinnyk

VOTE: 9 - 0

B. John Wallace Solar Panel Project

Mr. Jachimowicz said two years ago the Board of Education was involved in a similar project at the Martin Kellogg Middle School and the arrangement of the project was that we allow a third party to come in and install the solar panels at the school and the Board of Ed becomes the dedicated customer with power being sold to us

at a below CL&P rate. This project at John Wallace is similar but a little different in size. He said they're hopeful that we'll be able to gain the financial benefit to work out to about a \$10,000 savings for the Town.

Councilor McBride said that it's commendable in taking a step toward solar power and he believe that this would benefit the students in not only hearing about solar power but actually experiencing it is a great stride. Mr. Jachimowicz said that Board Member Sharon Braverman is actually the person who gave us the tip on this opportunity.

Motion to waive the rules by Councilor Klett. Motion seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion to waive the rules passed 9-0.

Mayor Lenares asked for any comments from the Public on waiving the rules - NONE

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the installation of solar panels at the John Wallace Middle School as a capital improvements project for the Town of Newington; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Town Manager, John L. Salomone, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with DBS Energy of Berlin, CT to design, construct and maintain a solar panel field on the roof of the John Wallace Middle School at their expense.

MOTION BY: Councilor Nasinnyk SECONDED BY: Councilor Bottalico

VOTE: 9 − 0

Councilor Cohen said that this is a great opportunity knowing the success with the project at the Martin Kellogg Middle School and the best thing about it is the price.

C Budget Review: Senior & Disabled Account 640

Mr. Salomone said that this budget has no increase in personnel. He said that this is a very busy center and is continually growing.

Ms. Diane Stone, Director Senior & Disabled Center - said that more baby boomers are turning 65 and this will have a major impact for the Town. She read part of an article regarding the demographics of Newington which will have a larger number of seniors. She stated some statistics, and currently a large number of these people will require senior care and we can expect between 1200 and 1500 people who will be needing assistance. She said that we need to be looking at this situation now. She said they have requested that one part time position be changed to full time. She said they have worked really hard, on strategic planning and it makes more sense to have one person in this full time position.

Mr. Salomone moved to account 644 – and gave a brief summary on this budget. He noted the column for Change from Revised Budget, and the Part Time services, ultimately there is no change and this will happen in a number of accounts. Councilor Bottalico asked about the full time position, and if this is the position that Diane Stone was asking for. Mr. Salomone said yes, it's complicated in that it's two positions and reduced to one and a half position.

Councilor Cohen said that when looking at this Department and the services they provide, we have to keep in mind what's happening at the State and Federal level and we're serving at a very vulnerable group and at another level she thinks it's the Town's responsibility to fill in some of the gaps. Councilor Klett mentioned that something that Diane Stone didn't touch on the Governor's budget which shows an increase in trying to keep people in their homes.

Ms. Stone said that they know there will be a higher number of older people that won't get care in the nursing homes and about 50% of the long term demand which will probably be more like 30% and the goal is to move people out of nursing home and back into the community.

Mr. Salomone moved to Account 645 – Dial A Ride which has one full time position which is the head driver and there are three part time positions and then there is a fund for a sub account for when we have to utilize school bus drivers etc.

Mr. Salomone moved to Account 671 – Summary – basically is two aspects, the recording clerk and then there's an amount primarily for a volunteer recognition program.

E. Library

Present were Eric Rothauser, President Library Board of Directors, Lisa Masten, Acting Library Director and other members of the Library Board of Directors and the upcoming new Director of the Library Donna Miller. Mr. Salomone made mention that the new Director, Donna Miller is present to see how this budget report works and came under her own interest. He said that maybe in ten years she may feel differently about attending. Mr. Rothauser thanked everyone for having the Library Board members here tonight as we are every year. He said that the Library tries to be all things to all people and without a doubt our staff and leadership succeeds in that goal. He said that the budget presented is a no growth budget and like any Library we are asked to do more with less and feels that we can accomplish those goals.

Mr. Salomone noted there were five categories being considered – Administration, Children, Reference, Collections & Circulation and submitted a printed budget report.

Administration – 711 – which contains the Director and Assistant Director and Business Manager and is status quo. Mr. Salomone gave a brief summary of the category and submitted a printed report. He also thanked Lisa Masten for her patience and vigilance in acting as Director. Councilor Nasinnyk asked if there is anything that might be expanded and grow, and she said she is glad that the hours will stay the same and that was a concern last year. Lisa Masten said she believes that they might have to reallocate funds on how we spend this year. Mr. Salomone moved on to the category of Children Services which involves professional staff as well a large number of part time positions which are also professional people. The other major item is the circulation materials, when it used to be books etc and now is all kinds of different types of media and basically stayed the same on that but some of the electronic media is a little less, but basically this is the whole picture of this budget.

Councilor Bottalico questioned the circulation material, and Mr. Salomone said that each division accounts for material and this is basically books, and it's everything, media, books and everything that's lent out, etc.

Mr. Salomone moved to category Reference and Community Services - #713 which is a very busy department and the bulk of this is staffing and part time which makes up most of the department. Other major departments are dues and subscriptions and then circulation material. He submitted a printed report explaining each line item. He said it's mostly for the part time for the program person doing the set ups in the conference room for special things to be done, or take down if from a previous night. Also there are three library monitors also do room set ups and Ms. Masten said these monitors also walk through the building checking that things are as they should be.

Councilor Bottalico asked about the grant regarding air conditioning and will it be completed by the summer. Ms. Masten said that it's about 75% completed.

Mr. Salomone moved on to the Collections category - #714 this section is the backroom section which is the staff and facilities, he said that most of the building maintenance is centralized now in the facilities department. It's also where all the supplies are and categorizes all the material and is a busy place with lots of activity with stuff going in and out.

Mr. Salomone moved on to the Circulation category which is the front desk operations, the people you see first as you enter the Library and check out material. They are also responsible for keeping track of overdue books etc. He submitted a printed report on this category.

Mr. Salomone noted the Hubbard Book fund. Ms. Masten said that this fund is an account in which the interest in that fund is turned over to the Library each year.

F. Budget Review: Public Works (Engineering, Highway, Sanitation)
Present were Mr. Tony Ferraro, Town Engineer, Tom Malloy, Highway Superintendent and Rob Hillman, Asst.
Highway Superintendent

Councilor Bottalico asked Mr. Ferraro if our roads are in bad shape. Mr. Ferraro said we may very well be in bad shape, but he believes we will be doing ok and we'll know soon enough once we get that combination of water and traffic we'll know more.

Mr. Tom Malloy spoke about the duties of himself and Mr. Hillman and stated that we have road crews, a mechanical staff of five, traffic division of one and there is landfill and sanitation and Mr. Hillman takes care of most of that. Councilor Bottalico asked on the recycling how much we're saving per month. Mr. Malloy said that approximately \$24,000 was saved through January.

Mr. Salomone moved onto the Highway Department #322 – he said that this includes all the maintenance costs, anything from fences to barriers, material, top soil seed. Mayor Lenares asked about the highway division, is the clothing for all the employees. Mr. Salomone said that all the employees are included. Regarding the catch basins, we have fewer catch basins so it's not necessary to contract services because we have the one truck to do this. Councilor Nasinnyk asked about the Equipment Rental, is it that we're not renting. Mr. Malloy said we have about \$4,000 in there and we've used that in the past for a strainer and for highway maintenance where we couldn't reach and needed to rent the equipment.

Mr. Salomone moved on to #324 – Snow & Ice control – we're pleased to say that at this point in the overtime account, we're about \$7,000 over the budget amount and we have about a month of winter left so we estimate at year end we might be \$15,000 over the budget and that's a credit to the division. Also the good news is that the President has declared this a disaster area with the storm in January we'll be eligible for about \$30,000. The other major account is the construction and maintenance primarily for salt used and the men have been good in applying efficiently, regulated the salt so we won't need any additional funds. Mayor Lenares asked Ms. Harter how is the overtime budget this year compared to last year. Ms. Harter said last year we spent \$91,000 in 2010 and this year \$142,000. Mayor Lenares asked Mr. Malloy about the salt bins and Mr. Malloy said that our bin is full and Mr. Malloy said that we still have 800 tons and we're ok for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Salomone moved on to Highway #325 – this is for supplied and electric, the traffic lights that the Town owns. The technical supplies is for everything else, road marking, cross walks etc.

Moving on to Highway Department #328 – Leaf Collection – Mr. Salomone said that we did better this year, with efficiency and good weather. He said we saved about \$55,000 and that was because of good weather. As for the seasonal people, we hired 8 people, 2 or 3 for each crew and the drivers drive the load.

Moving on to #352 – Refuse Collection – on what we pay we contract out we negotiated an extension for this agreement and paid about 3% for the extension and we locked in this 3% cost, otherwise we'd be paying more. Mr. Salomone said that the Council will have to make a decision about who will be taking our refuse in the future. There's some competition and not knowing the prices and we can lock in anything depending on what the options are. Mayor Lenares asked why is there \$1600 for overtime for a part time position. Mr. Malloy said that is for the landfill attendant when absent, and a person is needed to fill in. Councilor Bottalico asked about the recycling bins where do we stand as for the cost. Mr. Salomone said we have a lease purchase for four more years. He said that there's not a tipping fee for recycling but there is a cost for recycling and that's because they do it every other week but it's the same recycling.

Mr. Salomone moved on to #400 – Planning & Development - the Building Department has been reduced and now is at 1 full time and 2 part time people, with 1 part time secretary shared with Engineering.

Moving to the Town Planner #420 – is for salaries for the Town Planner, the Zoning Enforcement official and a full time secretary.

Zoning Board of Appeals - #430 – is primarily for the minutes for secretarial support and also for the public notices and that may have some savings because of less zoning applications. Councilor Bottalico asked why we pay the commission. Mr. Salomone said we don't pay the ZBA people. The only people we pay are the Assessment Board of Appeals

Building Department #450 - Mr. Salomone said that this is for one full time building official and two part time building inspectors, which has gone down substantially.

Conservation Commission - #460 – Mr. Salomone said this is Inland Wetlands, now called Conservation which review all applications for development.

Economic Development #472 - Mr. Salomone said that we will be reconditioning some of our industrial park signs so that \$500 will go to putting up signs leading to the industrial parks. Also the \$1625 is for the secretary who takes the minutes and the Planner and Mr. Salomone divvy up the actual recruitment of economic issues.

VII. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Regarding Public Hearing on February 22, 2011 - Councilor Nasinnyk said on page 2, should read that Ed Meehan and the Open Space Commission had done a superb job

Regarding Regular meeting - - Page 2 - second paragraph - the name Caroline should read "Carol Anest." Councilor Cohen - Page 3 – Section D regarding Open Spaces, should have mentioned the possibility of some commercial buildings having 5 stories

Also on Page 5 Section 11 said "their right" to do this was also pertaining to the five story development.

Councilor Nasinnyk moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Councilor Banach seconded. Vote 8-0 Councilor Bottalico abstained.

VIII. WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, OTHER TOWN AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS, OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC - NONE

IX COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

- **X** PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive called in to the Council via telephone and stated that this is a phone test for Mayor Lenares and wanted to tell the Town Manager that she wouldn't give him the score of the Notre Dame game.
- XI REMARKS BY COUNCILORS Councilor Klett reminded everyone of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 11th at 11 AM and she asked Mr. Salomone about the opinion from the Town Attorney, Mr. Salomone said that he has not received it yet. Councilor Cohen Monday, March 28 at Paradise Pizza the Kiwanis Club will have a nice program with Eric Knight, Space Rocketeer, who built and launched the first civilian space rocket.

Councilor Nasinnyk said regarding the ambulance services, she remarked on how wonderful the service performs and can't imagine how the Town could manage without the volunteer services.

Councilor McBride invited everyone to attend the parade on March 11th, all the Councilors have been invited to march and it should be lots of fun.

XII ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Banach moved to adjourn at 10 PM. Councilor Nasinnyk seconded. Vote 9 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Richard Council Clerk